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**CTWG COMMANDERS' CALL  
MINUTES  
7 June 2006**

Attendance

WING COMMANDER  
VICE COMMANDER  
CHIEF OF STAFF  
SR. ADVISOR TO COMMANDER  
SECRETARY  
STATE DIRECTOR  
103<sup>RD</sup> COMP. SQ - CT004  
SILVER CITY COMP. SQ. - CT014  
STRATFORD EAGLES COMP. SQ - CT022  
169<sup>TH</sup> COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT027  
399<sup>TH</sup> COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT042  
C. K. HAMILTON COMP. SQ. – CT058  
NORTHWEST HILLS COMP. SQ. – CT062  
ROYAL CHARTER COMP. SQ. – CT071  
CT MINUTEMEN COMP. SQ. – CT073  
DANIELSON CADET SQ. – CT074  
THAMES RIVER COMP. SQ. – CT075  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE  
DIRECTOR OF SAFTY  
VISITOR

Name:

COL JENSEN  
MAJ VALLEAU  
LT COL HUCHKO  
COL PALMER  
LT BAILEY (EX)  
MR. ISABELLE  
LT KINSKY  
CAPT GRAVES (REP)  
SM GARCIA (REP)  
MAJ MAGURNY  
LT DELLAVECCHIA  
CAPT TRUJILLO  
MAJ MAFFIA  
LT GANIS (REP)  
LT BODWELL  
MAJ PROVOST  
LT COL KINCH  
LT TUCKER  
LT COL STIDSEN  
SM ROCKETTO

(REP) Representative, (NP) Not Present, (EX) Excused

Meeting called to order at 1930 by Colonel Jensen.

**COL JENSEN**

- I will pass around a Commander's Cup for Rocketry. One of the units will be winning this. Vice Commander will cover the rocketry aspects during his briefing.
- Region has put together their list they are going to downsize airplanes and Connecticut is not on the list. I am happy about this.
- Region has made some changes on certain funding of flights. We can continue to spend Region funds on cadet "O" flights, RTOC flights but for SAR DR Proficiency flights and non-mission proficiency flights we cannot

use region money. I am going to sit with the Finance Committee and see if we can get some money freed up for that. I want to keep things on top so that Region never looks at us again to take an aircraft.

- We had a Mitchell ceremony at Royal Charter and they had invited Pam Sawyer one of the state legislators. This was well covered. I had a word with her afterwards and I got her to join the CT Legislative Squadron. These are people who can do things for us. If you are having a Mitchell, Earhardt or anything special in your squadron, find out who your state legislator is, invite them. Whenever any dignitary comes, record it for posterity—write up and a photo. Also, CTWG has made another new friend.. Region has developed another new handbook on Care and Feeding of Legislators. I will send this to all the unit commanders. I wrote this for a reason for Region. The principles are the same whether it is region or CTWG.
- Have been speaking with Colonel Payne and suggestion to get together with the legislators at a covered dish supper, etc.
- A couple new appointments—our new DDR Coor, Lt. Michelle McBride and Lt Col Rowen will be assisting Major Shapiro on the training side.
- We have a glass cockpit aircraft coming soon. We do have to swap an aircraft for the glass cockpit.—probably 998. Colonel Sturges has selected two CIIs and they will go out to KS. They will fly this aircraft back to CT. They will start training because we need to keep this plane flying.
- I would like to expand our “O” flight program as much as possible. I would like to see many “O” flights at encampment providing weather holds out.
- Vice Commander and I visited the Northwest Hills Squadron.
- We have a new commander from New Haven – Lt Bodwell – welcome aboard. Change of Command will be next Monday night.
- I will be attending the VOAD meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> which is a meeting of all the emergency volunteer organizations in CT. We will be bumping into some of the OEM people in CT.
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#### **MAJ VALLEAU**

- Try to get rocketry information to me in two weeks.
- Looking forward to the cadet ball in October.
- Want to have everyone participate in the color guard competition. It was embarrassing that we only had three squadrons participating. Please make a faithful effort to get a team together. Major Marteka has set up a couple dates and we are waiting for the Commander to get back to us with what dates he is available. We are getting judges lined up.
- (Garcia—Do you have someone who can come up and teach the cadets?) Please see Major Marteka and he may know of someone who can help teach the cadets.
- I have meetings planned with the Operations Department to come up with a call list for missions. I will have more information to you either in July or August.

## **COL STIDSEN**

- Safety briefing on the effects of speed.
- We are all going to do stupid things—think and be careful. Cadets are people. They are stalwart as we were at that age. Please give them a briefing on how fragile life can be.

## **CT004**

- Our training was rained out.
- Participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Granby.
- Will have pictures up on our web site.
- Have coming up 30 June our Spaatz presentation award ceremony. We have a General from the Air National Guard coming for the presentation.
- We will also presenting two Mitchells. Invitations will be going out.
- One of our pilots is extremely busy working and hasn't had a chance to fly and another pilot is temporarily out of their state.
- Be careful of flooded roads, washouts and power outages. We have had a lot of rain and many areas have been hit hard.

## **CT014**

- Had a good response with the fundraiser over in Bristol.
- Participated in the GTE on May 20.
- Participated in the National training with the Red Cross.
- Ended month with a soggy Trails Day festival.
- Three seniors and one basic going to encampment.

## **CT022**

- Very busy past month.
- Had a mini encampment—22 total.
- Have ordered water containers as a fundraiser.
- Have a new senior member who is a web developer and will be developing a new web site for us.
- Last weekend we had a Young Eagles weekend at Sikorsky.
- 28 cadets confirmed for the rocketry program. (Valleau—I am handling the logistical part of ordering the rockets. Other things are being done at the squadron level.)
- Cleaned up the squadron. Threw out a lot of stuff that was old and out-of-date. Will be taking cadets to a shooting range. My friend has arranged for paying for the ammunition. We have the firearms marshal for the Naugatuck range for someone who is qualified. (Stidsen—Will there be anyone there who will be the Range Master?) The owner and instructor is a Range Master

## **CT027**

- Home School convention is coming up soon.
- Encampment—every commander got a pack of papers with information that is missing. It needs to come back to me by June 16.

- There are two liability forms that need to come to encampment with the cadets. They are necessary.
- Those cadets whose membership are expiring, you need to get them cards. If they are not renewed and don't have their ID cards, we will call their parents and have them go home.
- (Provost-Make sure all your cadets have all their gear. It is not the encampment staff's job to get them their ribbons, equipment or supplies. It is the commander's job to make sure they have all that stuff.)
- (Provost-We need someone full time to do logistics and transportation on the Senior side. Part time is too hard to do logistics. If anyone is interested in doing a whole week on Logistics, please notify me immediately.)
- (Provost-We need all the vans at Camp Rell by Friday night. The packet you received shows all the pick up points where cadets will be.)

#### **CT042**

- Had a successful bivouac.
- Volunteered for Cystic Fibrosis.
- Had cadets going to Open cockpit
- Doing a parking detail on June 24 and 25.
- June 22 is a ceremony for three Mitchells, two Wright Brothers and a Cadet Change of Command.
- Our van is in the shop so won't go to encampment.

#### **CT058**

- Had a bivouac with Danielson.
- 21<sup>st</sup> did a Special Olympics qualifier.
- Cadets were ready for the mission with a plane at Johnny Cake airport.
- Color Guard put together for the wake for Lt Col Carroll Rogers did a good job. Some of them only had a few hours training.
- We have a new pilot and he needs "O" flight training. (Valleau—Speak with Operations.)
- Did Memorial Day Parade. Had thirteen cadets. Ended up at VFW and they were happy we helped them out.
- Will be working at the Home school seminar.
- We have a new pilot who is going to have a ground school every Saturday for the next several weeks.
- Doing Quonset Air Show on June 24. Will be taking the van out-of-state.
- (Valleau—I have information on the Air Show. Will get you a copy if you need.)
- The ANG do not feed the cadets well.
- Have a Mitchell ceremony coming up in the middle of July.
- Will have my van at encampment. I and possibly my wife will take over Logistics at encampment.
- Will make sure van is inspected before put cadets in there.

- We already started the rocketry program. We are supposed to get reimbursed for that. I haven't seen any money on that. (Huchko-Was that through the DDR program?) Yes

#### **CT062**

- We did the memorial parade in Torrington.
- Had rescheduled our Battleship Cove trip due to the weather..
- Will participate in a Flag Day ceremony on June 14 and Bradley open cockpit on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Have six cadets going to encampment.

#### **CT071**

- We will be having a fundraising carwash this coming weekend. . Will incorporate recruiting with this.
- Nick Dill was awarded the Mitchell award.
- Capt Dill wants to put together a group for a trip to either one of the two air shows mentioned. Please email Capt Dill if interested in putting together a group.
- We continue to recruit pilots. It has become a heavy pilot squadron.
- Capt Dill has completed all the CFI requirements. The only thing left is for Colonel Jensen to sign off and that should be done this evening.
- We have three cadets going to National Cadet Activities.
- On a personal note—this will be the last meeting I will be attending. I have accepted a job in Virginia. It's initially for four months so I may be back. If all goes well with a career standpoint, this will be a good move. I appreciate everything you have done. I have gotten to know each and every one of you on different levels

#### **CT073**

- I have nothing to report this month.

#### **CT074**

- Encampment – I have been sending emails out to all the squadron commanders. Those I did not see tonight I want them to see me so that we can check paperwork that is wrong.
- What is happening is that everyone is waiting for the last minute. You have to get information back to us when we ask for it. Things need to have to be done by certain dates, especially things that need to be ordered. (Valleau—By the end of tonight please let me know if there is anyone you need to see and you haven't.)
- Several of you have sent me an email in regard to BDUs and several things like that. I haven't a clue where the ball has been dropped in getting uniforms, etc. from DRMO. Everything I had tagged, I was never able to get. I am getting conflicting information from their people and our people. If rules changed, we need to get that straight.

- Real busy month for us. We had a campout where CK Hamilton and their cadets came down. We all had a good time.
- Had our spaghetti dinner fundraiser. That went very well.
- June will be another busy month. This coming Saturday will have an open house in conjunction with the Young Eagles.
- Sunday I will be taking my guys down to New Haven to help with the Special Olympics.
- The following week there will be an encampment meeting here and then I will be going on vacation.

#### **CT075**

- I'd like to talk about the upcoming glass cockpit ground school that we will be having at Thames River that will be held in two sessions. The first one will be the night of June 15, from 7-10 p.m. at the Groton squadron. The second session will be June 29, same time, same place. Colonel Sturges has given permission for those pilots who need to come down by plane to get out of the traffic but there must be more than one person in the airplane must do some kind of training going to and from the event.
- I have been dealing with the squadron commanders up to this point. The second session is for mission pilots and qualified mission observers. The first session is for pilots only. I requested pilots to contact me and give me contact information. I have only heard from two pilots. Please encourage your pilots to contact me.
- When the two CFII's come back from training in Kansas City we need to get flying. I plan on getting more pilots checked out. That plane cannot be used on any mission if these two pilots are not here so we need to get other pilots trained. It is about a three-hour checkout program.
- (Valleau -Several airplanes from National have come back to the supplier on the external power cord for our repeaters, etc. I will be speaking with both those pilots and prior to their acceptance of the aircraft they are going to have to make sure the wiring is done correctly. If it is not done, they are going to be told not to accept the aircraft. Once we get the mission pilots through the process, we will have another ground school.)
- Squadron is just training, training and more training. Nothing else.

Meeting adjourned at 2030 local. Dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cassandra Huchko, LTC, CAP  
CTWG CS/DP

